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TAGS: MARR, JA

SUBJECT: MARINE MP'S AND REPORTERS INCIDENT

SUMMARY: PROCURATOR WILL NOT INDICT ON CASE OF MARINE MP'S
AND LEFTIST REPORTERS. END SUMMARY.

1. THE CHIEF PROCURATOR INFORMED CONGEN AND THE USMC TODAY
(JULY 2) THAT THEY HAVE DECIDED NOT TO INDICT THE TWO MP'S

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INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT WITH THE TWO REPORTERS AND WILL BE
ANNOUNCING THIS PUBLICLY TOMORROW. THE POLICE HAD EARLIER SUB-
MITTED AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORT THAT THERE WAS SUSPICION THE MP'S
HAD COMMITTED ASSAULT AGAINST THE TWO REPORTERS AND EXCEEDED
THEIR AUTHORITY BY DETAINING THEM. THE CHIEF PROCURATOR SAID THAT
HE WILL SAY THAT WHILE HIS MINISTRY DOES CONSIDER THE ACTION A
VIOLATION OF SOFA, THE AMERICAN SIDE DOES NOT. SINCE THE CIRCUM-
STANCES WERE CONFUSED FOLLOWING THE INTERVENTION OF THE TWO
REPORTERS, AND NEITHER THE FORCE EMPLOYED AGAINST THE REPORTERS
NOR THE MANNER OF THEIR DETENTION WERE SERIOUS IN NATURE, THE
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CHIEF PROCURATOR THUS DECIDED INDICTMENT WAS NOT WARRANTED.

2. COMMENT: THE LOCAL PRESS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY COMPLAIN ABOUT THIS
DECISION AS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF GOJ UNWILLINGNESS TO DEFY
THE AMERICANS, BUT THEIR PROTEST WILL QUICKLY FADE. THE PRESIDENT
OF THE RYUKYU SHIMPO TOLD US EARLIER HE DID NOT CONSIDER IT MUCH
OF A PROBLEM. THE CHIEF PROCURATOR IN PRIVATE TOLD US HE WELL
UNDERSTOOD OUR MILITARY AUTHORITIES FEELINGS ON THIS CASE.
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